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## WEATHER FORECAST.

Rain, turning to snow tonight; much cooler; Saturday, snow flurries.

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## \$300,000 FOR OPENING RIVER

### Walla Walla Starts Campaign for Large State Appropriations.

#### COLUMBIA AND SNAKE TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

Commercial Club of the Garden City Appoints a Boosting Committee and Will Help Oregon Bear the Expense of Opening the Two Rivers to Traffic—Heretofore Oregon Has Paid the Bills and Washington and Idaho Have Shared the Benefits.

Heretofore the people of Oregon have done the principal part of the work and expended the principal part of the money used in opening the Snake and Columbia rivers to traffic. While the people of Washington and Idaho were equally interested and benefited, yet Oregon built the portage road, provided for its maintenance and operation, and has borne all the expense of river traffic, while the other states enjoyed equal benefits.

However, Washington is awakening to the importance of the subject and Walla Walla is beginning a campaign to appropriate \$300,000 at the coming session of the Washington legislature for the purpose of opening the two rivers in that state, to make traffic on the upper river possible. The Statesman says of the campaign started by the Commercial club of Walla Walla:

A vigorous campaign which the Walla Walla Commercial club will conduct to awaken the people of the state to the necessity of passing a bill appropriating \$300,000 for the improvement of Columbia and Snake rivers in Washington will begin next week.

Professor W. D. Lyman of Whitman college was selected by the promotion committee of the club this morning to start out next Tuesday and visit all the principal cities in southeastern Washington and arouse them to demanding of their representatives that the river be opened and eastern Washington made independent in the matter of freight rates.

The commercial bodies all over the state will be asked by the Walla Walla club to call special meeting to consider the open river question and Professor Lyman will address these meetings and show by picturing conditions in the inland empire that an open river will be of immense benefit to the state.

It is thought that Professor Lyman can accomplish this result if any man can, in fact it was not fully decided that the step be taken until it was found that he could be secured. He is a walking encyclopedia of information on the resources of Washington, and has been interested in the open river question for years. Besides being a pleasing and convincing talker.

He spent the whole of the past summer in collecting statistics on the resources of the inland empire for the Columbia & Walla Walla Traction company to be presented to capitalists who will finance the project, so that his knowledge is accurate as well as broad.

He will attend the meeting in Heppner next week after which he will begin his campaign of education in southwestern Washington.

This section will be treated to the largest and longest dose of facts, statistics and arguments, because they are now less aroused to the advantages of an open river and because they hold the balance of power in the legislature between eastern Washington, which will probably be united for the appropriation, and the sound counties which are opposed.

Stir Up Southwestern Washington. For this reason Professor Lyman will try to stir up the people of Clark and Cowlitz counties first and then after a whirlwind campaign through the rest of the river counties he will swing around into eastern Washington and arm the bunchgrassers with facts and figures just before the legislature meets. It is also probable that he will be in Olympia at the time of the session.

The promotion committee of the club, consisting of Dr. N. G. Bialock, Miles C. Moore and A. C. Moore is also having a bill drawn up which will be presented to the legislature. It provides for the appropriation of

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Shot on Crowded Street.

New York, Dec. 7.—William R. Henning, a Chicago broker, was shot and wounded on Broadway this afternoon while the street was thronged. Thos. O'Connor, a telegrapher, was arrested charged with the shooting.

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\$300,000 and for the appointment of a commission to superintend the improvement of the river.

A provision will be inserted making it possible to use part of this money for starting a line of steamboats and constructing warehouses if these are necessary in getting river transportation under way.

#### WILL EXHUME BODIES.

Belief Strengthening in Theory of Several Murders.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The court this morning ordered exhumation of the bodies of the four Vrsalik children and the mother for examination for evidence of murder. The body of Anna, aged 12, who died Thanksgiving Day, will be first. The police are informed that Billick, the hypnotist and clairvoyant, traveled extensively and plied his vocation in San Francisco for a long time.

#### TWO INDIANS EXECUTED.

Had Murdered a Tramp and Mutilated the Body.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 7.—Two Indians, one known as Johnny, the other Joe Iphapah, were hanged here today for the murder of a tramp named Fred Foreman. Foreman, who was one-legged, was attacked at Elko a year ago and stabbed to death. The body was afterwards horribly mutilated and then placed along a log fire, being partly cremated. Robbery was the motive.

#### New Hospital for Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Dec. 7.—Plans which have been under way for the past year for the erection of a handsome new brick hospital to replace St. Mary's present structure, are almost perfected and work may soon be started on the erection of the building. It is the intention of the local officials to erect a modern building at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

#### \$300,000 Fire.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 7.—Fire this morning in the Meunian & Wakelin block caused a loss of \$300,000.

## ISSUE MADE OF COLLEGE TAXES

### WHITMAN IS PLAINTIFF AGAINST AN ASSESSOR.

Famous Congregational College Claims Exemption From Tax Paying Because Its Charter Was Granted With Special Favors—Heard by Judge Whitson, of the Federal Court, Who Will Render His Decision Later.

Walla Walla, Dec. 7.—The protested tax case entitled Whitman College vs. R. J. Berryman as assessor of Walla Walla county, was argued before Judge Whitson in the United States federal court here yesterday. The court reserved decision.

The plaintiff seeks to evade the payment of taxes levied upon the college and lands. The college was granted a charter under the old territorial laws, by which it was made exempt from taxation.

The defendant was represented by Judge Turner, of Spokane, and Judge Burge and Thomas Dovel, of Seattle.

#### Slight Earthquake Felt.

San Luis Obispo, Dec. 7.—A slight earthquake of 30 seconds' duration was felt at San Luis Obispo and vicinity at 10:30 last night. No damage has been reported.

#### Pope's Physician Is Dead.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Dr. Lapponi, who for many years was physician to Pope Leo XIII, and who acted in the same capacity for Pope Pius X, died this morning.

#### C. L. Shepard Dead.

Clairborn L. Shepard, a brother of Miss Rees Shepard, who taught in Pendleton public schools for two years, died Wednesday, December 4, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shepard, near Zena, Polk county, Oregon, after an illness of several weeks, with tuberculosis brought on by overwork and exposure incident to a campaign which he recently conducted for a Y. M. C. A. building for Oregon Agricultural college. He graduated from the agricultural college in 1904 and was at once elected secretary of the college Y. M. C. A. and began a campaign to erect a building at Corvallis. He was known to many in this city, having visited here last year for several days. He was a nephew of Fred Lockley of the East Oregonian, and was an energetic and capable young man. He was 23 years of age.

The town of Clifton, Ariz., will not be rebuilt on its present location, as the recent flood is the third disaster of the kind in four years. It is admitted that Mexicans were not reported in the list of casualties resulting from the dam breaking a few days ago, and it is reasonably certain that about 40 Mexicans were drowned.

## DAVID CURTIS UNDER ARREST

### Murderer of Dona Gilman at Dayton Confesses, and the Police Believe Him Insane.

#### IS A HALF-WITTED AND UNRELIABLE NEWSBOY.

Is Known as an Irresponsible Liar and While His Story of the Awful Crime Is Plausible, There Is No Means of Knowing Whether It Is True, and a "Confession" From Curtis Has No Value—Curtis Capture Planned and Executed by Cincinnati Post.

Dayton, O., Dec. 7.—David Curtis, aged 21, was arrested this morning, traced by the Cincinnati Post, and has confessed the assault and murder of Dona Gilman.

Curtis formerly worked in the shops of the National Cash Register company, and knew the girl. He said to Coroner Kline, "I rode with Dona on the car. When she got off, I did also, and choked her to death and dragged the body into the commons. When I found she was dead, I fell upon my knees and cried. I knew I had done a dirty trick and vowed to never touch any girl again."

Curtis is a half-witted newsboy known as "Baby Dave." He often imagines himself a great detective. Many doubt his story.

#### Curtis Probably Insane.

Dayton, O., Dec. 7.—The police believe Curtis is insane. He sticks to his statements, varying with denials of the murder. Two years ago he confessed to a crime and was proven innocent afterward.

#### GRAND JURY RECONVENES.

Eddie Graney Refuses to Testify in the Belvidere Case.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The grand jury reconvened this afternoon. The part Ruff took in the Sunday night caucuses of the board of supervisors, the Belvidere municipal brother, and printing deal cases, were taken up, and the supervisors subpoenaed. In the Belvidere case if Eddie Graney withholds certain facts his arrest for contempt will likely follow.

#### Negro Murderer Killed.

Pleasant Plain, O., Dec. 7.—Dogs trailed the negro, White, who murdered Marshal Bushore, of Franklin, to a thicket this morning, and a posse killed the fugitive.

#### Cement Plant Burned.

Elizabeth, Pa., Dec. 7.—The plant of the International Cement company was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$200,000.

#### Five Killed in Race Riot.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 7.—A race riot took place here this morning. Five men were killed and the town is under martial law.

#### Powder Cans Exploded.

This afternoon while Conductor Stacey of the O. R. & N. was unloading blasting powder from a car on train No. 23, at Meacham, two cans exploded and severely burned him and the O. R. & N. agent at Meacham, who was assisting in handling the cans. The car was damaged somewhat and considerable damage was done to the platform. Both the conductor and agent were badly burned about the face and hands but neither are seriously injured. It is said that the jolt which can be received as it was set down upon the platform caused the explosion.

## TWO PENITENTIARY SENTENCES TODAY

Alfred Jones, aiding prisoners to escape, one and a half years.

James Dooley, larceny from a store, one year.

The above entries were made on the records of the sheriff's office today after the above named prisoners had pleaded guilty to the charges against them and had been given their respective sentences by Circuit Judge H. J. Bonn.

Jones, alias Hoskins, has been consigned to the penitentiary because he furnished some of the saws with which Weddle, Young and Bowman cut their way from the county jail in September. He was arrested upon the charge a month or more ago by

## TREATY CHANGES NOT PROBABLE

### Opinion of the President and of Cullom, Chairman Senate Foreign Affairs.

#### JAPANESE ISSUE IS AT A STANDSTILL APPARENTLY.

Prospects Seem to Favor More Indictments Against Walsh, the Chicago Bank Wrecker—Appropriations Bill Will Restrict Public Documents to Old Forms of Spelling—Rivers and Harbors Congress Agrees Upon Asking for Appropriation of \$50,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Assistant Secretary of State Bacon was at the White House this morning. After the conference White announced that no treaty or modification of the present treaty with Japan is contemplated. He said the president wished this announcement made as strong as possible. He said the president also wished to state that the visit of Aoki was not for the discussion of possible changes in the present treaty.

#### Confirmed by Cullom.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Cullom, senate chairman of committee on foreign affairs, says a new Japanese treaty is not contemplated.

#### More Evidence Against Walsh.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—A special federal grand jury is called for the 17th to consider additional evidence against John R. Walsh, indicted as a result of the failure of the Chicago National Home Savings bank, the special examiner having completed the work.

#### Old Style Spelling Continued.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill when reported will carry positive requirements that the old style of spelling be used in all printing authorized by congress.

#### Asks for \$50,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The rivers and harbors convention today adopted a resolution asking congress for \$50,000,000 to improve waterways. This afternoon the delegates were received by the president. Francis was made chairman of a committee of 18 to present the resolutions to the president and both houses.

#### Louisiana President.

The rivers and harbors congress chose Joseph Ransdell, of Louisiana, as president.

#### Pioneer Printer Dead.

Mark M. Boyd, a well known printer of Baker City, and a son of a pioneer family of Baker City, died yesterday noon, aged 81 years, says the Baker City Democrat.

Mr. Boyd was the son of Dr. J. B. Boyd, formerly of Baker City, latterly of Spokane and Walla Walla, who died in the latter city this last midsummer. Mark Boyd leaves to mourn his early demise his widowed mother, a sister, Mrs. Laura Darling of Sumnerland, Cal., and another sister, Mrs. A. G. Hemple of Baker City. The brothers are J. B. Boyd of North Yakima, recently of Baker City; Edward Boyd of Baker City; L. F. Boyd of Spokane and Don Carlos Boyd of Ontario. The funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

#### Heavy Rains in Siberia.

As the result of continued rainstorms, the Trans-Siberian railway has been washed away and damaged at several points; while the railway running around the southern end of Lake Baikal has suffered very much from great landslides between the stations of Baikal and Svyadyanka. Two trains have been overwhelmed by these landslides; two soldiers were killed, several of them were injured, and many of the cars were wrecked.

#### SAGEBRUSH \$6 PER CORD.

Fuel Famine Reaches the Acute Stage in the Vicinity of Boise City.

That the fuel famine has reached the acute stage in the vicinity of Boise, is shown by the following item from the Boise Statesman of this morning:

Yesterday passed without the arrival of more coal for Boise, and there is no telling when any more will reach here, but the absence of further shipments since Monday is not felt so keenly as with the real cold weather of last week, the situation being relieved some by the warm spell the last two days.

The scarcity of coal and wood has caused at least one coal firm in Boise to seek other sources of fuel supply, and this firm, the Boise Commission company, is out strong in the market for sagebrush.

They are offering \$6 per cord for sagebrush properly trimmed, which makes good fuel.

Sagebrush can be secured within eight or 10 miles of Boise and this firm is making every effort to get in a supply.

#### DR. HENDERSON HURT.

Lit a Match to See if There Was Any Gasoline: There Was.

Dr. T. M. Henderson received a painful injury to his left hand last night, while carrying a bucket of burning gasoline from his auto shed. Just before the accident the doctor had struck a match to see how much gasoline was in the machine and in some manner the stuff became ignited. He then carried the bucket from the shed and in doing so the glove on his left hand caught fire.

While his injury was rather painful the doctor has been at his office this afternoon and will be able to attend to his regular practice very shortly.

## SHOULD CHANGE THE SCHOOL LAW

### SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS

Would Limit Number of Third and Second Grade Certificates Issued to One Person, Would Require \$8 Per Capita by School Tax, Would Require Not Less Than Five Months of School Each Year in Every District.

County Superintendent Frank K. Welles has just received a copy of the changes the association of county superintendents is intending to ask the legislature to make in the school laws of the state. The recommendations were agreed upon at a meeting of the county superintendents several weeks ago. The following is a summary of the more interesting changes desired:

That the compensation of each member of the county examining board be made \$5 per day, and that the law be changed so as to empower county courts to appoint a larger number of members of the examining board when necessary.

That each person be limited to one third and one second grade county certificate in the state.

That the law be changed so as to contain a provision that a teacher shall forfeit wages for time taught before filing his or her contract with the county superintendent, where such contract has not been filed within five days after the beginning of school.

That section 34 of the Oregon school law be changed so as to require \$8 per capita to be raised annually by the county court in levying the county school tax.

That the minimum amount of school required to be taught in any district be made five months instead of three months as now required.

That the law be changed so as to have the annual census to be taken in November instead of February.

That a law be framed authorizing the formation of union high schools.

That provision be made for one board of control for all Normal schools within the state.

That the salaries of county school superintendents be equalized on the basis of salaries paid to other county officers who devote their entire time to the work of their offices.

That the county school superintendents be empowered to call convention or conventions of the school boards of his county at his discretion and to apportion \$5 to each school district represented in such convention by a school officer.

#### Chicago Wheat Market.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat opened 74 7/8, closed 75 1/8; corn opened 42 5/8, closed 42 3/4; oats opened 33 5/8, closed 33 3/4.

At Middlebourne, O., Benjamin Scott, aged 48 years, was shot and killed by James C. Nichols, aged 50, who then suicided with carbolic acid. Mrs. Scott was recently granted a divorce from Nichols for cruelty, and within three weeks married Scott.

## SEVEN DEAD AND OTHERS INJURED

### By the Burning of Chi Psi Fraternity Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

#### OF DEAD THERE WERE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN.

Three Firemen Were Killed by a Falling Wall After All the Other Firemen Had Gone Off Duty and Returned to Town — The Two Fatally Injured Were Trying to Escape From Oncoming Flames — Loss, \$200,000 by Aristocratic College Fraternity Hall Burning.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Fire destroyed the Chi Psi fraternity house this morning. It is reported that A. S. Robinson, John Rumsey and F. D. Landrum were killed.

#### Five Died; Others Will Die.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Five dead at the Chi Psi hall fire are the following: W. H. Nichols, student, Chicago; O. L. Schmuck, student, Pennsylvania; A. S. Robinson, attorney, Ithaca; John Rumsey, Ithaca; Esty Landrum, clerk, Ithaca. The three latter were volunteer firemen. James McCutcheon, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., the 'varisty' fullback, and Clarence J. Cope, a New Jersey student, were fatally hurt as they tried to run the gauntlet of fire in the hall and fell unconscious outside.

The fire was controlled and all brought out except Nichols and Schmuck. All the firemen except Robinson, Landrum and Rumsey returned to town. These were pouring water into a window when the wall fell, crushing all beyond recognition. Chi Psi is one of the richest and most exclusive clubs at Cornell. Loss, \$200,000.

#### Sixth Person Cremated.

Ithaca, Dec. 7.—The body of S. W. Crelle, of New Jersey, was taken from the ruins of the building burned almost beyond recognition.

#### Died of Injuries.

Ithaca, Dec. 7.—James McCutcheon, injured by the fire, died this afternoon at the Cornell infirmary.

#### RICH ORE IN VIRTUE MINE.

Immense Vein of High Grade Rock Uncovered.

More astonishing than a fairy tale, says the Baker City Democrat. More remarkable than all the fine gold heretofore recorded in the history of quartz mining in Baker county; as astonishing as the wonders produced by Aladdin's lamp in the tales of the Arabian Nights, linked together with the old Virtue, the most famous of famous northwestern free gold producers, the Bonanza, exactly opposite the Virtue on the other side of the Elkhorn range, after some years of abandonment, and reopening by Albert Geiser, the original discoverer and present lessee, again opens to the world untold wealth and is the center piece today of mining circles.

A few days ago on the 200 level in the Bonanza, the workmen under the direction of Geiser, pushed through a cross cut tunnel from the old ore body which was supposed to have been pinched out, into a lime dyke and 60 feet further on, picked up the ore again in larger and richer quantities than ever with 400 feet of banks and unknown depths to explore. The long sought mystery was solved and the Bonanza and the Virtue in the doorway of Baker City stand today the greatest free gold producers of the northwest.

With 25 feet of ore in the face of the vein, averaging better than \$10 to the ton, free milling, the wealth of this property can scarcely be estimated. Mr. Geiser expects to open the works again in a short time with a full force and go after the new wealth in sight.

#### Unloading Outfits.

The work of unloading the grading outfit of the Pacific Coast Construction company for work on the Pilot Rock branch of the O. R. & N. is progressing today. The carts, scrapers, wagons and plows are unloaded from the cars by means of a small derrick which has attracted a large number of spectators.

#### Olympia Game Preserve.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The house this afternoon passed a bill creating a game preserve of nearly 700,000 acres within the Olympia forest reserve, in the state of Washington.